

New Mexico- Tucumcari Field Office FY 2004 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Buffers

Applicant: Date: Total Points:
 FSN: Tract No.: CMS Field No's.

1. Resources Concern - 320 Potential Points

Potential points will be multiplied by one of the following factors: by 1 for one row of trees, by 1.5 for multiple rows of trees of the same species, or by 2 for multiple rows of trees composed of multiple species.	Potential Points	Factor	Points
Soil Erosion: Wind			
Protect farmstead from soil erosion originating on adjacent cropland or rangeland	50		
Protect cropland/public road.	30		
Air Quality: Undesirable Air Movement			
Windbreak barrier near populated area.	10		
Animal, Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter			
Establish food/cover for targeted wildlife species.			
Animal, Wildlife: Inadequate Water	40		
Wildlife water facilities.	20		
Animal, Domestic: Inadequate Shelter			
Protect livestock or livestock facilities.	10		
Total			

2. Other Considerations - 15 Potential Points

	Potential Points		After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (Prairie Dog, Prairie Chicken)	5		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment	2		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	N/A		
D. This land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	N/A		
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and /or prevent infestation of Class A, Class B, and/or Class C noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	8		
2. Other Considerations	Total		

3. Length Of Buffer Modifier

**** Funding will be provided to higher ranking scores.**

***** Total points will be adjusted based on the total feet of buffer planned. The following procedure will be utilized. For example, if buffer is 250 feet in length, multiply accumulated points by .250 (referred to as length modifier). If planned buffer is 2560 feet in length, multiply points by 2.560, etc. In the event of a tie, contracts will be awarded based on highest soil erodibility index.**

Length of buffer =

Total points = X Length Modifier

ADJUSTED ENVIRONMENTAL POINTS

Total Points (After minus Benchmark):
 Section 1
 Section 2
 Section 3 which equals total

Producer

Date

Designated Conservationist

Date